

**AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATORY REPORTERS OF ELDERLY
ABUSE.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

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2 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-451 of the general statutes is
3 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
4 *October 1, 2015*):

5 (a) [Any physician] For purposes of this subsection, "mandated
6 reporter" means a: (1) Physician or surgeon licensed under the
7 provisions of chapter 370; [, any] (2) resident physician or intern in any
8 hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed; [, any] (3) registered
9 nurse; [, any] (4) nursing home administrator, nurse's aide or orderly
10 in a nursing home facility or residential care home; [, any] (5) person
11 licensed and certified as an emergency medical services provider
12 pursuant to chapter 384d, including any such emergency medical
13 services provider who is a member of a municipal fire department; (6)
14 person paid for caring for a patient in a nursing home facility or
15 residential care home; [, any] (7) staff person employed by a nursing
16 home facility or residential care home; [, any] (8) professional patients'
17 advocate, provided no representative of the Office of the state Long-
18 Term Care Ombudsman shall be considered a professional patients'
19 advocate for purposes of this section; [, any] (9) licensed practical
20 nurse; [] (10) medical examiner; [] (11) dentist; [] (12) optometrist; []
21 (13) chiropractor; [] (14) podiatrist; [] (15) social worker; [] (16)
22 clergyman; [] (17) police officer; [] (18) pharmacist; [] (19)
23 psychologist; [or] (20) physical therapist; [] and [any] (21) person paid

24 for caring for an elderly person by any institution, organization,
 25 agency or facility, [. Such persons shall include] including, but not
 26 limited to, an employee of a (A) community-based services provider,
 27 (B) senior center, (C) home care agency, (D) homemaker and
 28 companion agency, (E) adult day care center, (F) village-model
 29 community, and (G) congregate housing facility. [.] Any mandated
 30 reporter who has reasonable cause to suspect or believe that any
 31 elderly person has been abused, neglected, exploited or abandoned, or
 32 is in a condition that is the result of such abuse, neglect, exploitation or
 33 abandonment, or is in need of protective services, shall [, not later than
 34 seventy-two hours after such suspicion or belief arose,] report such
 35 information, or cause a report to be made in any reasonable manner,
 36 not later than seventy-two hours after such suspicion or belief arose to
 37 the Commissioner of Social Services or to the person or persons
 38 designated by the commissioner to receive such reports. Any [person
 39 required to report under the provisions of this section] mandated
 40 reporter who fails to make such report within the prescribed time
 41 period shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars, except that, if
 42 such [person] mandated reporter intentionally fails to make such
 43 report within the prescribed time period, such person shall be guilty of
 44 a class C misdemeanor for the first offense and a class A misdemeanor
 45 for any subsequent offense. Any institution, organization, agency or
 46 facility employing individuals to care for persons sixty years of age or
 47 older shall provide mandatory training on detecting potential abuse,
 48 [and] neglect, exploitation or abandonment of such persons and
 49 inform such employees of their obligations under this section.

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This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>October 1, 2015</i>	17b-451(a)